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## BOOK REVIEW

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**Vaccines for sexually transmitted diseases.** Edited by A Mehuis and RE Spier. London: Butterworths, 1989 (pp 315, £45).

This book contains a report of the proceedings of a conference of the same title held in Oxford in April 1989 that was sponsored by the World Health Organisation and the journal *Vaccine*. It covers general aspects of vaccine development, and also the work on specific sexually transmitted infections. There are chapters on the gonococcus, candida, chlamydia, syphilis, hepatitis B, papilloma-viruses, *Herpes simplex* and, not surprisingly, human immunodeficiency virus.

The coverage is typical of a conference proceedings. The papers range from comprehensive review articles to abstracts. The frustration of the lack of information in abstracts is only just offset by finding that the transcripts of discussions are also available.

Its difficult to know who would purchase such a book. There is little new information for the experts in the field, and it is certainly too specialised for most genitourinary physicians. The practising doctor is much more interested in applications of actual vaccines, than the potential of possible ones. At a price of £45 I suspect that it will find a home in the medical school library but will be too expensive for the individual pocket.

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## NOTICES

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### Northern Genito-urinary Physicians Group

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Manchester, 3 November 1990, at the Excelsior Hotel, Manchester airport. The AGM will be preceded by a lecture by Professor Dulcie Coleman, at 11.00 am. Lunch will be served.

Membership is encouraged from all genito-urinary physicians and doctors from allied specialties and is not reserved for residents of the North of England.

For further details of this meeting and membership, please contact:

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*Secretary:* Dr A B Alawattagama, Dept GU Medicine, The University of Liverpool, Royal Liverpool Hospital, Prescot Street, Liverpool L7 8XP. Telephone 051 709 0141 Ext 2635/2902.

### 7th Regional conference on STD. Lusaka, Zambia 17-20 March, 1991

The African Union Against Venereal Diseases and Treponematoses (AUVDT) is an association of scientists working in the field of sexually transmitted diseases in Africa and holds meetings every two years. It will be holding its next biannual regional meeting and international conference on STD in Lusaka, Zambia between 17 and 20 March 1991. The themes of the conference are "STD and the Community" and "AIDS and Policies". In view of the rising antibiotic resistant gonorrhoea, the impact of syphilis on the mother and the child, the resurgence of yaws, and recent pandemic of AIDS, this forthcoming conference will be of vital importance in defining the control strategies for these problems in Africa.

Information may be obtained from Dr S K Hira, Dermato-Venereology Dept, PO Box 50001, Lusaka, Zambia.